Railways Act, 1890, compensation is payable for death or injury caused or loss sustained by the passengers on account of accident to a train. The said Act does not provide for compensation to Railway passengers who are killed or injured in train robberies/dacoities.

Regarding the liability of the State Government, reply will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as the information is received from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) Since the information in respect of part (e) is still being collected by the Ministry of Home Affairs, reply will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as the information/material is received from Ministry of Home Affairs.

Screening of blue film at Patna Railway Station

2611 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Nav Bharat Times dated the 4th November, 1987 wherein it has been stated that a blue film was screened at the Patna Railway Station by the Railway Authorities on the 3rd November, 1987;

(b) if so, what were the circumstances under which the blue film was screened at the Patna Railway Station; and

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the matter and if so, the action taken by the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two employees of the Contractor who had installed the Colour Cc TV at Patna Railway Station were seeing a blue film in the studio at about 4 A.M. on 2nd November without being aware of the fact that the film was being telecast on the monitors installed at the station.

(c) An inquiry was conducted into the matter. Apart from the Contractor dismissing the two employees connected with this incident and Eastern Railway realising a fine of Rs. 1000, the Ralway has since issued notice for termination of the contract.

Medical Aid in the Medico legal cases

2612. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors in public hospitals do not attend to medico-legal cases before the police arrives on the scene;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a delay often proves disastrous in accident cases; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to see that precious lives are not lost for want of police arrival on the scene and that medical treatment is started immediately in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No Government Hospital has refused to provide immediate medical attention to any accident victims by insisting to have the case registered first with the police.

(b) Delay can prove disastrous.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Criticism of New Education Policy by All India Teachers Convention

2613. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Teachers Convention held in Delhi recently assailed the New Education Policy;